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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 25 pages, including 2 independent claims and 12 claims total.
2. Drawings- 4 sheets of formal drawings containing 5 figures. (Figures 1-5).
3. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2002-245373, filed August 26, 2002.

4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 1 document attached.
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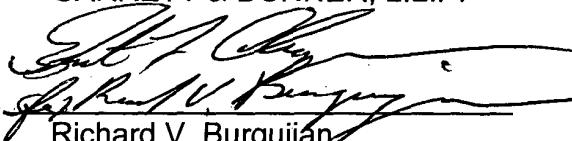
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